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1. In connection with the surfacing [] it was agreed that the State Department, through Mr. Morton, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, should be given the option of notifying Senator Knowland, the Majority Leader, and Chairman Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and that I would notify Chairman Jenner of the Internal Security Subcommittee regarding the surfacing. The DCI suggested that the approach to Assistant Secretary Morton be made through Mr. McIlvaine, Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary McCardle. I called Mr. McIlvaine who was so short of time that he suggested that I approach Mr. Morton directly and that he would set up the appointment. This was done, and Mr. Morton agreed that it would be helpful to notify Senators Knowland and Wiley, agreeing that it would be most unfortunate if the story broke on the ticker with the leaders unaware. As it was not a policy matter, he felt it was not necessary to notify the Democrats unless Senator Knowland desired to. At 5:45 Secretary Morton and I met with Senators Knowland and Wiley and informed them of the surfacing scheduled for 6:00 and received their pledge to respect the deadline for public announcement until 8:00. Both Senators were pleased to have been informed, and considered [] statement to be a powerful one. I informed the two Senators that I planned to tell Senator Jenner about [] in view of his previous conversations with the Director and myself, and they agreed, although indicating no need to give Senator Jenner a copy of the press release which I gathered they desired to utilize themselves.

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2. During the day, [] informed me that he had told the FBI about the time for surfacing, that the FBI was surprised that it would be so soon (although they had previously been told that it would be the week-end of the 15th), and that [] whether we planned to put [] before a Congressional Committee. When Gen. [] asked whether the Congressional appearance could be withheld until the FBI had completed its questioning, [] indicated that he thought the Congressional appearance could be withheld for a reasonable time.

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3. After about an hours wait and search, I located Senator Jenner at about 7:30 and informed him that the surfacing was in progress and asked that there be no public mention of it until 8 o'clock. I informed him that Mr. Dulles was out of the country and wanted the Chairman to have this information in accordance with our earlier conversations. Senator Jenner was very pleased, and asked whether it would be possible for [] to appear before the Internal Security Subcommittee. I said that it would be possible as [] would be public property. Senator Jenner then asked whether he should sit right down and write a letter to Allen Dulles asking for [] appearance. I told him that Mr. Dulles was out of the country. Senator Jenner then asked whether he could ask me to arrange for [] appearance, and I told him that I would be glad to assist. I pointed out to Senator Jenner that we could not vouch for the bona fides of any of [] and Senator Jenner stated "of course you can't", and that in all these cases all we could do was to proceed with the greatest caution. Senator Jenner also termed the brow-beating of [] by Mr. Sourwine as "most unfortunate". He said that he would like to assign Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Mandel and Mr. McManus of his staff to the preparation of the [] case, and assured me that they would cooperate with us fully in protecting any matters which must be protected.

4. He stated that he wished to proceed in Executive Session until it was determined whether there would be any testimony of value for an open hearing. I told Senator Jenner that there would have to be some delay as [] was presently undergoing interrogation by the Bureau and others, and that therefore it would be inadvisable to put him through double interrogations simultaneously. Senator Jenner concurred, and said he would leave the timing entirely up to us hoping that it would not be too long. I informed Senator Jenner that Senator Knowland and Senator Wiley were cognizant of the matter. Senator Jenner then went to the Floor where he joined Senator Knowland a few minutes before 8.

5. On the stroke of 8 Senator Knowland asked for the Floor and read the text of the State and Justice Department announcements into the Record. He then inserted the biographical data. Senator Knowland then called the attention of the Senate "and the American people" to [] statement, which he then read into the record. Unfortunately, Senator Knowland's comment as to the importance of the statement was lost by the stenographer and therefore only [] statement itself is in the

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Record. Senator Jenner then rose to state that since this announcement, he had been in contact with authorities of the Executive Branch and requested that his Committee be permitted to have [] appear before them. Senator Jenner said that he had been assured that that would be allowed.

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6. [] of OSI, made available to me a copy of a letter to the Secretary of Defense dated 30 July 1954 from Senator Jackson (D., Wash.) requesting information on long-range ballistic missiles. Also attached was a Memorandum for the Record dated 10 August from Major [] indicated the information on this subject which he had transmitted to Mr. Weaver of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research & Development). I pointed out to [] that this letter presented a problem of forwarding CIA information to the Congress and therefore should have been brought to my attention prior to action rather than 3 or 4 days after action so that the Director would not be caught short on such a matter. I suggested that Secretary Quarles might wish to check with Assistant Secretary Seaton before answering Senator Jackson as Chairman Saltonstall might wish to have this matter handled in a special way. I pointed out that the subject matter of Senator Jackson's request had in part been included in [] report to the Saltonstall Committee on a very highly classified basis and that the whole matter should be carefully staffed before making this information generally available. I subsequently suggested to [] that he acquaint the Acting DD/I with this request.

7. The Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy has set up a special subcommittee on continental defense from atomic attack. The Committee consists of 9 persons, including Generals Wedemeyer, Quesada and Lindbergh and former AEC Chairman Gordon Dean. CIA has been requested to give this group a briefing and this will be done at 11 a.m. on 16 August by the Acting Director and []

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